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(SALT TWO-1717)

SEMENOV STATEMENT, MAY 3, 1978

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AS A RESULT OF THE DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW APRIL 20  
TO 22, 1978, THE SIDES HAVE AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING  
WORDING FOR ARTICLE XII OF THE TREATY:

"ARTICLE XII OF THE TREATY

IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE VIABILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS  
OF THIS TREATY, EACH PARTY UNDERTAKES NOT TO CIRCUMVENT  
THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TREATY, THROUGH ANY OTHER STATE OR  
STATES, OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER."

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THE SOVIET SIDE ALSO PROCEEDS FROM THE PREMISE THAT  
THE FINAL RESOLUTION OF ARTICLE XII OF THE TREATY  
CONSTITUTES A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD OUR COMMON GOAL OF  
COMPLETING A NEW AGREEMENT TO LIMIT STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE  
ARMS.

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MR. AMBASSADOR,

ONE OF THE STILL OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS OF THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS IS REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE DRAFT OF THE JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND BASIC GUIDELINES FOR SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS.

REACHING AN UNDERSTANDING ON THIS SCORE ON A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE BASIS WOULD BE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE IN TERMS OF ENSURING THE CONTINUITY AND CONSISTENCY OF THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE SIDES TO LIMIT STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS IN THE INTERESTS OF STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND REDUCING THE RISK OF OUTBREAK OF NUCLEAR WAR.

AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, THE WORK ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED BY THE SIDES TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE DOCUMENT UNDER CONSIDERATION, RECORDED IN THE JOINT DRAFT TEXT AS OF APRIL 14, 1978, HAS BEEN APPROVED IN THE COURSE OF THE RECENT NEGOTIATIONS IN MOSCOW AT A DIFFERENT LEVEL.

AT THE SAME TIME, MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING EMERGED AT THE NEGOTIATIONS IN MOSCOW TO THE EFFECT THAT THE THIRD SECTION OF THE JOINT STATEMENT BE AGREED IN BROAD AND  
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GENERAL TERMS. IT WAS AGREED THAT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS HELD, THE DELEGATIONS WOULD CONTINUE WORK ON REACHING FULL AGREEMENT ON MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE PROVISIONS FOR THE JOINT STATEMENT IN THE NEAREST FUTURE.

WE BELIEVE THAT, AS AGREED IN MOSCOW, IT IS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS WORK. EARLE

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